

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS **FAST FACTS**

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Department History

The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) was created in 1976 with the passage of SB 2006. Before its creation, veterans were served by the Department of Social and Health Services.

WDVA currently employs approximately 600 FTEs.

State Veterans Homes

The Washington State Constitution mandates the Legislature provide maintenance of a soldiers' home for honorably discharged veterans who are residents of the state.

The two Western Washington homes provide skilled, assisted-living and domiciliary care and are Title 19 (Medicaid) certified. The average resident age is 75.

The Spokane Veterans Home provides long-term nursing care and is Title 19 (Medicaid) certified.

Statewide Assistance: 1-800-562-2308
Home Applications: 1-877-838-7787



The **Washington Veterans Home** at Retsil, near Port Orchard, is the largest of the state's veterans homes. Established in 1910. **Total Beds: 262**



The **Washington Soldiers Home and Colony** at Orting is located in the Puyallup Valley. Established in 1891. **Total Beds: 183**



The **Spokane Veterans Home**, located near medical services in Spokane, serves residents needing long-term nursing care. Established in 2001. **Total Beds: 100**

Vision

Washington State will be a national leader in providing quality services for veterans and their families in WDVA Homes and communities.

Strategic Goals:

- Improve the quality of care and services for veterans and their families.
- Continue investing in staff, and providing the tools that result in high-quality services.
- Maximize resources to honor the nation's debt to veterans.
- Review core processes to anticipate and influence future needs.

Veterans Services

WDVA provides the following services to veterans and their families statewide:

- Advocate for veterans and family members in accessing benefits including: death pension, burial benefits, headstones and markers, dependency and indemnity compensation, home loan guarantees and educational assistance;
- Veterans Estate Management Program;
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Counseling;
- Homeless Veterans Outreach Program; and
- Special Health Care Services such as: Agent Orange exposure; Persian Gulf Illness; and Ionizing Radiation.

Federal Veterans Health Administration

VA Medical Centers:

Seattle	VA Puget Sound Health Care System 800-329-8387
Spokane	Spokane VA Medical Center 509-434-7000 / 800-325-7940
Walla Walla	Johathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center 509-525-5200 / 888-687-8863
Portland	Portland VA Medical Center 503-220-8262 / 800-949-1004

Outpatient Clinic:

Yakima	Yakima Clinic 509-457-2786
Bremerton	Bremerton Clinic 360-782-0129

Vet Centers:

Seattle	Seattle Vet Center 206-553-0380
Spokane	Spokane Vet Center 509-434-7750
Tacoma	Tacoma Vet Center 253-565-7038

Statistics

Total # of U.S. Veterans 25,349,000

WA Total # of Veterans 670,628

WA Total Male Veterans 623,684

WA Total Female Veterans 46,944

Source: US Census data compared with federal data

Washington ranks 13th nationwide for the total number of veterans in the state.

Washington Veterans by Period *

Persian Gulf 73,434

Vietnam Era 233,513

Korean Conflict 72,897

WWII 111,056

Peacetime 179,728

** US Census data compared with federal data.*

WDVA Budget

Total Operating Budget \$74,280,411

State \$20,200,742

Federal & Other \$54,079,699

Budget by Program

Central Office \$3,363,359

Veterans Home \$33,971,848

Soldiers Home and Colony \$20,470,710

Spokane Veterans Home \$8,873,236

Veteran Field Services \$7,601,288

Source: WDVA 01-03 Revised Funding Distribution

Active – Duty Military Installations

Navy

Bangor Naval

Everett Home Port

Puget Sound Naval Station

Whidbey Island

Coast Guard

Port Angeles Air Station

Seattle Coast Guard

Station Bellingham

Station Grays Harbor

Station Neah Bay

Station Quillayute River

Army

Fort Lewis

Yakima Firing Center

Air Force

Fairchild AFB

McChord AFB

Washington National

Guard

Armories and facilities

are located

in 36 communities

statewide.

Veterans Service Organizations

The American Legion	(206) 220-6223
Disabled American Veterans	1-877-273-4606
Veterans of Foreign Wars	1-877-805-1331
Vietnam Veterans of America	1-877-292-8735
Paralyzed Veterans of America	1-800-795-3576
Military Order of the Purple Heart	(206) 220-6230
American Ex-POW's	(206) 220-6145
AMVETS	(253) 472-1966